

ATTACHMENT 5

Rounding guidelines for waiting time

With the implementation of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), ambulance waiting time units will be based on half-hour increments (e.g., 1.0 unit = 1/2 hour to one hour of waiting time). Wisconsin Medicaid does not separately cover waiting time if less than a half-hour. The table below lists the rounding guidelines for waiting time.

Units	Time increments
1.0	½ hour to 1 hour
2.0	1 to 1 ½ hours
3.0	1 ½ to 2 hours
4.0	2 to 2 ½ hours
5.0	2 ½ to 3 hours
6.0	3 to 3 ½ hours
7.0	3 ½ to 4 hours
8.0	4 to 4 ½ hours
9.0	4 ½ to 5 hours
10.0	5 to 5 ½ hours
11.0	5 ½ to 6 hours